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NEWS



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Honoring history

The University of Dayton will present films, lectures and public programs throughout the 2015-16 academic year to celebrate Latino Americans: 500 Years of History.

“Latino Americans are the country’s largest minority group, with more than 50 million people, and still many people are unaware of their rich and varied history and culture,” said Katy Kelly, communications

and outreach librarian. “They play an important role in shaping U.S. culture and society and we’re proud that University of Dayton has this opportunity to explore this topic with our community.”

The University will hold a series of free public events from September through March, including a Hispanic Heritage Month film series co-sponsored by the Dayton Human Relations Council; scholarly panel discussions; and an exhibit of Midwestern Latino American art. For more information on the series and a full list of events, visit go.udayton.edu/LA500 or call 937-229-4274.

The series has been made possible through a \$10,000 grant to the University from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

As part of the grant, University Libraries will receive the six-part, NEH-supported documentary “Latino Americans,” created for PBS in 2013. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in North America from the 16th century to present day. For more on the series, visit <http://www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en>.

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History is part of the NEH initiative The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square. The initiative awarded grants to more than 200 libraries, museums and other nonprofit organizations to highlight Latino American history.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent federal agency that supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities by funding selected proposals from around the nation. For more information, visit www.neh.gov.

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with approximately 58,000 members in academic, public, school, government and special libraries. The association supports the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship.

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